



Better VZ amp

Anyone who tried to build the VZ published in the May 1988 edition of this magazine may have had a few problems with it. Here are some modifications.

Shorting out the speaker is not very healthy for the computer as it either causes the computer to crash or the program to go haywire. The remedy is to put the switch inline with the speaker.

The volume is not very loud so I reduced the 1K2 resistor to 120R. The volume control acted more like a tone control so I re-connected it (see circuit

diagram).

An on/off switch is not needed if you take the positive power supply from the internal switch.

I didn't use a 6.5mm plug and socket to connect up the amp and computer, mainly because I had a 3.5mm plug and socket but also I didn't want to remove the monitor socket, so I put the socket on the top left hand side of the computer near the vent.

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